



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5137

LCO No. 555

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

An Act Concerning Hindering Prosecution.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 53a-166 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) A person is guilty of hindering prosecution in the first degree
4 when [he] such person renders criminal assistance to a person [who]
5 whom the actor knows or believes has committed a class A or class B
6 felony or an unclassified offense for which the maximum penalty is
7 imprisonment for more than ten years.

8 (b) Hindering prosecution in the first degree is a class D felony.

9 Sec. 2. Section 53a-167 of the general statutes is repealed and the
10 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

11 (a) A person is guilty of hindering prosecution in the second degree
12 when [he] such person renders criminal assistance to a person [who]
13 whom the actor knows or believes has committed a class C or class D
14 felony or an unclassified offense for which the maximum penalty is
15 imprisonment for ten years or less but more than one year.

16 (b) Hindering prosecution in the second degree is a class A
17 misdemeanor.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide that the prosecution does not have to prove that the person who received criminal assistance actually committed a felony.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]